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Catholic Underground Leader Shot in Cuba

HAVANA (UPI) — A Catholic leader, Braulio Amador Quesada, 47, was executed yesterday by a Castro firing squad on counter-revolutionary charges.

Amador was shot at dawn after having "admitted" the torture-killing of two Castro supporters, an official release said. He was identified as a member of the United Catholic Anti-Communist Movement.

The statement said Amador rose in arms against the government last April 17, the same day his exiled countrymen landed at

Pig's Bay in a futile effort to topple the Castro regime. He was said to have organized an armed band of rebels for operations in the Vedatlas area of the Escambray Mountains in central Cuba.

The government described Amador as a "loyal servant" of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. It did not say when he was captured or give any hint as to the fate of the rest of his band.

The execution was the fifth the government has admitted this year. It is the 97th since Castro seized power in January, 1959.

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